

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 5, 2005. Claims 1 to 5, 9 to 25, 40, 44 and 59 to 64 remain in the application, with Claims 1, 2, 17, 21, 25, 40, 44, 59, 63 and 64 having been amended. Claims 1, 17, 21, 25, 40, 44, 59, 63 and 64 are the independent claims herein. Favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 5, 9, 10, 12 to 25, 40, 44 and 59 to 64 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,560,640 (Smethers), and Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smethers. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the these rejections is respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns a communication apparatus that captures image data and transmits generated data based on the captured image.

Turning now to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a communication apparatus. The communication apparatus includes an image capture unit, adapted to capture an image and to generate data based on the captured image; a communication unit, adapted to transmit the data generated by said image capture unit to a designated destination; a management unit, adapted to manage ID information determined for each user and address location information associated with the ID information, wherein the address location information indicates a location that stores address information for designating the destination to transmit the data by said communication unit; an input unit with which the user inputs the ID information; and an obtaining unit, adapted to specify the address location information managed by said management unit based on the input ID information by said input unit, communicate with an external apparatus via a network based on the address location information, and obtain the address information residing at

the external apparatus corresponding to the location specified by the address location information, wherein said communication unit transmits the data to the destination designated from the obtained address information by said obtaining unit.

In contrast, Smethers discloses a wireless client device that obtains a bookmark in which a URL of a Website for receiving the document is stored. However, Smethers fails to disclose at least the feature of communicating with an external apparatus via a network based on address location information, and obtaining address information residing at the external apparatus corresponding to the location specified by the address location information. That is, the relevant URL is not used to obtain address information for designating the destination. Furthermore, nothing in Smethers is seen to disclose either an image capture unit, adapted to capture an image, or generating by the image capture unit, data based on a captured image.

As Smethers neither discloses nor suggests at least the features of an image capture unit generating data from a captured image and communicating with an external apparatus via a network based on address location information, and obtaining address information residing at the external apparatus corresponding to the location specified by the address location information, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 25, 44 and 63 are directed to a method, control program and a computer-readable medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 25, 44 and 63 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Claim 17 is directed to a communication apparatus capable of communicating with an external apparatus via a network. The communication apparatus

includes: an image capture unit, adapted to capture an image and to generate data based on the captured image; a communication unit adapted to transmit the data generated by said image capture unit to a designated destination; a management unit adapted to manage address information for designating the destination to transmit the data by said communication unit; a reception unit, adapted to receive, from the external apparatus via the network, a request to obtain the address information managed by said management unit; and a transfer unit adapted to transfer the address information to the external apparatus, which has requested the address information, based on the request.

As discussed above, Smethers neither discloses nor suggests at least the features of an image capture unit generating data from a captured image and a communication unit adapted to transmit the data generated by said image capture unit to a designated destination, Applicant submits that Claim 17 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 40, 59 and 64 are directed to a method, control program and a computer-readable medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 40, 59 and 64 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Claim 21 is directed to an information processing apparatus capable of communicating with a communication apparatus via a network. The information processing apparatus includes a management unit, adapted to manage address information used by the communication apparatus in a case where the communication apparatus transmits data generated by an image capture unit equipped with a multifunctional apparatus to a designated destination; a reception unit, adapted to receive, from the communication apparatus, a request to obtain the address information managed by the

management unit; and a transfer unit, adapted to transfer the address information to the communication apparatus, which has requested the address information, based on the request.

Applicant submits that the discussion from above in regard to Claims 1 and 17 apply as well to the Claim 21, namely, Smethers fails to disclose or suggest at least the features of a communication apparatus transmitting data generated by an image capture unit equipped with a multifunctional apparatus to a designated destination. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 21 is also in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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